

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 04/10/2012
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 1518
AUTHOR: Perea, Henry

BILL SUMMARY: Weighmasters: automated weighing systems.

This bill would authorize any weighmaster weighing any vehicle moving specified construction materials to use an unattended weighing system and to issue a weighmaster certificate, as provided. This bill would define an unattended weighing system as an automated system not directly under the supervision of a weighmaster that meets the approval, testing, and sealing requirements specified in existing law.

This bill intends to reduce transportation costs by providing faster weighing and more efficient transport of bulk construction materials.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) estimates that this measure would reduce state revenues collected for deputy weighmaster license fees by \$370,000 special fund (SF) annually. The CDFA further indicates that this measure would increase workload by \$12,000 SF one time to promulgate regulations to ensure the integrity of the weighmaster certificates for the unattended weighing systems and by up to \$285,000 SF ongoing for inspections of licensed locations.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this measure because it would reduce revenues and result in additional costs that are not included in the Administration's current fiscal plan.

The CDFA's Weighmaster Enforcement Program ensures that commercial transactions based on quantities certified on a weighmasters certificate are accurate. The program licenses as weighmasters, individuals or firms that weigh or measure bulk commodities and issue certificates of accuracy. Weighmasters weigh, measure, or count a commodity and issue a weighmaster certificate, which is used as the basis of commerce for the commodity described on the certificate. Current law requires weighmaster certificates be issued by a deputy weighmaster who performs the weighing function and certifies that the weight is correct.

This bill would authorize any weighmaster weighing any vehicle moving construction materials including, but not limited to earth, stone, rock, sand, gravel, limestone, ready mix concrete, cementitious materials, recycled construction materials, or asphalt paving materials to use an unattended weighing system to weigh the vehicle and to issue a weighmaster certificate, as provided. This bill would define an unattended weighing system as an automated system not directly under the supervision of a weigh master that meets the approval, testing, sealing requirements specified in existing law.

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		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)				
Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)					
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP					Fund
Type	RV	98	FC	2011-2012 FC	2012-2013 FC	2013-2014	Code
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No		----- See Fiscal Summary -----			0111
1100/Majr Tax Lic	RV	No	U	-367 U	-367 U	-367	0111
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No	C	226-297 C	214-285 C	214-285	0111
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>						
0111	Department of Agriculture Account, Ag Fd						